



PUBLIC NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVE SITE FRAMEWORK APPLICATION
FOR FOREIGN-TRADE ZONE NO. 257

The County of Imperial, Grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) No. 257, has applied to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board requesting reorganization under the Alternative Site Framework (ASF) within the General-Purpose Zone of Foreign-Trade Zone No. 257.

The ASF is an option for grantees like the County of Imperial to reorganize general-purpose zones to permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new “usage-driven” FTZ sites for operators/users located within the grantee’s “service area” in accordance with the Foreign Trade Zones Board’s standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a general-purpose zone project. The applicant is requesting the authority for the grantee’s proposed service area under the ASF to include Imperial County. If approved, the Grantee would be able to serve sites throughout the service area based the area’s needs for FTZ designation.

The County of Imperial is requesting to include the following current sites in the reorganized zone as “magnet” sites: Sites 1 through 5 and 7 through 14 and as “usage-driven” sites: Sites 6, 15, and 16. No new subzones/usage-driven sites are being requested at this time. Zone operations are used to improve the economic wellbeing of the local community in California by encouraging international business by providing an FTZ that lowers the duty rates for imports and exports.

Public comment on the Application is requested from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board’s Executive Secretary at the address listed below. A copy of the Application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations: the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board’s Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 21013, Washington, D.C. 20230; and at the “Reading Room” section of the Board’s Web site, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz . The closing period for comment is February 8, 2016.